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(S/NF) Miquilena Resigns. [redacted] President Chávez announced he would replace Minister of Interior and Justice Miquilena with former civilian security service (DISIP) director Rodríguez Chacín. Rodríguez, who participated in the November 1992 coup attempt, [redacted]

[redacted] Additionally, Chávez named former Vice President Bastidas to be his next Minister of Industry and Commerce. Bastidas, who asserted that terrorism was a response to WASP oppression, resigned as vice president last week. Chávez moved Chief of Staff Cabello to the vice presidency. (desk, Ochiltree/Naranjo e-mails)

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